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Serial No.: 09/741,730)	Art Unit: 3763
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Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims 12 minus 27 = 0		X \$18 =	\$.00
Independent Claims 4 minus 8 = 0		x \$86 =	\$.00
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PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$420; 3 months \$950; 4 months \$1480)			\$.00
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